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PROCLAMATION NO. 1.

To the Officers and Members of All Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of Missouri:

GREETING:
The recent session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held in the City of Fayette, was another demonstration of the progress of Pythianism. The minutes of that session have been printed and distributed to the various lodges, and I urge the members to read them carefully and note the important changes made in our laws.

The coming Grand Lodge session to be held in the City of Sedalia, including the State Encampment in July, 1908, must be made a grander success than any meeting we have ever held. The indications point to a splendid meeting in Sedalia next year, and all Uniform Companies are warned to look out for their laurels. Toussaint Company No. 8 of Joplin, through her commander, serves notice on all Companies in the State that they will be there to compete for the honors.

The meeting of the Supreme Lodge, held in the city of Louisville, Ky., September 2 to 7, inclusive, was a surprise to the veterans who have been in the work of Pythianism since its foundation. Never before in the history of our race has a more inspiring demonstration of the wonderful progress of our people been made. It was a demonstration that brought words of praise from the tongue and pen of such eminent men as Booker T. Washington and Henry W. Watterson. Washington, the founder of that industrial system of training which is destined to be the cornerstone in the foundation of the future commercial greatness of our people, and Watterson, that matchless journalist and authority on public questions of the day. In an editorial of the Louisville Courier-Journal, published during the Supreme Lodge meeting just closed, Mr. Watterson says:

"The colored Knights of Pythias of the world in session here this week, have made an altogether excellent impression. The orderly method in which they have conducted their business, the gentlemanly manner in which they have borne themselves, and the exceedingly creditable appearance they presented in their parade, have elicited general comment and commendation. It is a pleasure to note such evidences of progress on the part of their race, and the Courier-Journal is at once the good will of the city's wards them."

Booker T. Washington made a special trip from New York City to Louisville to address the Knights of Pythias, and his address was one of his most masterly efforts. Among the many encouraging things said in his address I give the following:

"I have faith in what your organization is striving to do. I congratulate you on what you have done, and I bid you Godspeed in your efforts in the future, all of which I hope are constantly to be directed toward the betterment of your fellow man. Not a man have I seen in this vast crowd of people who showed any signs of intoxication. I say this, bearing in mind that I am in Kentucky and the city of Louisville. I challenge any race on the face of the globe to bring together such a crowd as is assembled here with more signs and evidence of genuine sobriety."

Supreme Chancellor Starks, who stands next to Washington as a leader of his race, said in his Biennial Report:

"We have learned to organize and unite. We have proved that we are capable of self-government. Our business is done in a business way. We are surely rising to a position which in itself commands the respect of men. The problems of our race must be solved by plain, practical, foundational work such as we are doing. Two years hence we will again come up from our various jurisdictions bearing greater sheaves than before, our race and Order having the credit and God the glory."

The next session of the Supreme Lodge will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1909, thanks to the able efforts of the following stalwart Pythians of Missouri, who would not cease their labors until victory crowned their well-fought battle: C. K. Robinson, Supreme K. of R. and S.; Dr. T. A. Curtis, Supreme Rep.; J. P. Maynard, P. G. C.; B. J. Carruthers, Inspector General; Chas. H. Brown, Sup. Rep.; W. M. Johnson, Sup. Rep.; A. W. Lloyd, Supreme Rep.; R. E. Watkins, Captain of Mamford Company No. 12, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. D. W. Scott, P. G. C.; Hon. Nelson C. Crews, P. C. of Kansas City, Mo.; W. W. Plumb, Topeka, Kas.; W. A. Gunnell, G. K. of R. and S.; William H. Robinson, Brigadier General of Missouri, and Colonel William H. Butler, First Regiment K. P., of Missouri, and many others whose names space will not permit me to mention here. Now, brethren, with all this to encourage us, let us start the work RIGHT NOW, and make preparations to hold up the standard of Missouri Pythians above all others. "Coming events cast their shadows before," so let us make the coming Grand Lodge meeting and State Encampment in Sedalia in 1908 the shadow of that nighty host of the Supreme Lodge that is to assemble in Kansas City, Mo., in 1909. It was said by Past Brigadier General R. C. Carter not long ago, that "a bird that could not fly fast must start early." So let us start early in order to give our slow-flying Pythian birds a good chance, and no excuse for not being ready. It is my earnest wish that all Uniform Companies give the State Encampment serious consideration and inform me as soon as possible of their intention to be present in Sedalia in order that the local committee may have a definite basis to work on.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Missouri, Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge N. A., S. A., E., A., A., and A., this 16th day of September, 1907.

Attest: W. A. GUNNELL, A. W. LLOYD,
Grand Keeper of Record and Seal. Grand Chancellor.

MARVELLOUS PROGRESS OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF MISSOURI.

From 1900 to 1907.

July, 1900.—Beneficiary Fund.	\$ 2,700.95
17 Lodges, 659 Members	
July, 1901.—Beneficiary Fund.	3,927.60
23 Lodges, 1,048 Members.	
July, 1902.—Beneficiary Fund.	5,361.19
31 Lodges, 1,660 Members.	
July, 1903.—Beneficiary Fund.	7,037.29
38 Lodges, 2,178 Members.	
July, 1904.—Beneficiary Fund.	9,281.18
52 Lodges, 2,476 Members.	
July, 1905.—Beneficiary Fund.	10,697.89
57 Lodges, 2,800 Members.	
July, 1906.—Beneficiary Fund.	12,078.52
65 Lodges, 4,085 Members.	
July, 1907.—Beneficiary Fund.	15,996.51
71 Lodges, 5,385 Members.	
Total collections in seven years.	\$67,094.92
"The Proof of Good Service is Constant Growth."	
A. W. LLOYD, G. C., 3137 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.	



MISS CORDELIA SEYMOUR.

One among Kansas City's best looking young ladies is Miss Cordelia Seymour, who is running high in the Beauty Contest. She will probably lead, or she may run close to the leader.

A WAY LATE MIDNIGHT STAG.

In Honor of Mr. Barah of St. Joseph.

There was a stag party given at the home of Arthur Pullam, 2424 Flora. The guest was treated to one of those celebrated and most famous Chop Suey suppers, accompanied by the necessary refreshment. Everybody had a good time, jokes being told by all men present. The men present were Messrs Wm. Baker, Howard Riley, Hardy Watts, Eff. Fields, Wm. Houston, Thomas McCampbell, Eddie Roberts, J. Darahl, St. Joseph, Mo., and Wm. T. Washington. The joke was on Mr. Hardy Watts and Mr. Wm. Baker was appointed special guardian over the gentleman so that he could have his rug shook. The automobile story was very interesting told by Mr. Darahl. Mr. Pullam officiated as Host.

THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Mrs. L. McCampbell spared no pains to make last Thursday's entertainment one to be enjoyed by the attendants. There was a large crowd present. There were several very hot contests to decide who the most beautiful ladies were. Among some of the ladies who sold for very high prices were Mrs. Frankie Givens sold for \$180; Miss Katie Wright sold for \$165, and several others such as Misses Bessie Patterson, Emma Collins, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Arthur Pullam, Miss Bertha Willoughby. Some of the men who bought these flowers were Mr. N. C. Washington, Mr. Lorenzo Hines, Mr. F. C. Mallone and Mr. W. T. Washington, who bought three of the beautiful flowers that were raffled. On a whole the entertainment was a great success.

25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY AND SERVED SEVEN CHARGES.

Please allow space to speak of a clear-cut minister, Rev. A. A. Gilbert, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Lexington, Mo., who for 25 years has served his people from two to five years and in no case have the people been willing to give him up; the present charge puts all men to wonder. This church was organized in 1869 and there never was a minister that served but three years in Lexington but the chief of all pastors A. A. Gilbert is now winding up his fifth year and the entire congregation wants him returned for five years more, but this contrary to the law of the church he must go.

At St. Louis in 1904 Rev. Gilbert was elected to the general conference on the first ballot, his true friendship to his brother ministers who have not been so successful as himself goes to say that he will be elected on the first ballot October, 1907.

He forms no combinations but goes out on his merits knowing that the men who have the voting to do will always stand for him that treats all men as they desire to be treated.

L. J. B.

BEAUTY CONTEST IS ON

Everybody who takes the Rising Son and who wishes to enter some name or vote for the names which have already been sent in, cut out the coupon in the paper and send it to 914 E. 12th. You can vote as many times as you buy the papers and cut out the coupons.

Let everybody take an interest in this contest. Let the names of every beautiful or good looking woman be sent in. If she is married put her in the married column, and if she is single put her in the single ladies column. If you are not a subscriber buy the paper at any one of Smith's Drug Stores.

THE NAMES OF THE MARRIED WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST:

MESDAMES.	
Frankie Givens	242
Minnie James	244
Anna Mickels	248
W. M. Hubbel	249
Minnie Crosswaite	224
Maggie Clay	181
T. C. Chapman	243
Bessie Conway	198
B. G. Miller	136
John Lang	245
Harvey Wells	189
Alvin Jordan	159
Olivia Page	143
James Hill	117
Marie Hill	59
Lester Davis	127
Eletha Mitchell	144
Pete Campbell	131
Alberta Thompson	186
Ira Fields	129
J. N. Birch	189
Fannie Morton	139
Bertie Kennedy	181
John Webster	109
Jno. Rone	161
J. S. Harris	143
Bertie Wheeler Kennedy	182
Rezekiah Wadden	153
Francis Jackson	109
Katie Kennedy	185
E. J. Peck	184
Leona Redman	150
Leona Jordan	192
Sallie Jordan	194
Laura Johnson	79
Josephine Finney	227
Lilly Savington	61
Fannie Moss	145
Dorothy Harris	236
R. B. Francis	233
Arthur Pullam	235
Thos. McCampbell	235
C. Randolph (Kas.)	149
Frank Walker	180
B. Henderson	129
Martha Mosley	167
F. J. Weaver	201
Leona Bruce	181
Ada Thayers	75
Harlie Adams	290
Bessie Abrams	183
Latie Williams	184
E. B. Ramsey	175
Bertie Addison	64
Mrs. S. L. Taylor	59
J. E. Perez	160
Stella Ross	131
Clara Wadden	182
Dan Willis	167
Annals Garrett	180
Dora Fischer	84
G. W. Love	141
Myra DeVaul Vincent	109
Viola Ford	79
M. Green	142
Robert Wiley	139
Jan Carpenter	167
Paul Darden	41
Erma Ford	63
E. Martin	144
Pearl Riley	135

THE NAMES OF THE SINGLE LADIES WHO HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN THE CONTEST:

MISSSES.	
Emma Collins	256
Mabel Bell	247
Naomi Fiske	251
Cleo Brassfield	251
Edelene Wilson	258
Cordelia Seymour	252
Alberta Wells	253
Bessie Patterson	211
Edmonia Hubbel	255
Hortense Mason	72
Pretzel Hamilton	170
Capoline Wilson	218

Bessie Whitney	220
Amelia Davis	129
Cora Ramey	41
Effie Booker	180
Emma Rogers	26
Grace Thomas	45
Lillian Wells	169
Pearl Chouteau	158
Emma Smith	209
Lulu Graham	181
Maud Olden	236
Ruby Bradshaw	131
Gertrude Owen	138
Minnie Wortham	131
Lossie Penniston	61
Zella Jackson	109
Katie Wright	144
Mayme Bradbury	136
Ira Godfrey	168
Maud Thornton	169
Ira Bailey	170
Ira Foster	214
Amy Jackson	206
Amanda Moore	121
Anna Warner	69
Gertrude Myers	183
Vallie Bowman	189
Mabel Vaughan	191
Victoria Overall	118
Bertie Foster	37
Ethel Jackson	173
Lydia Gardner	41

MISS MABEL VAUGHAN, SECRETARY AND BOOKKEEPER OF THE RISING SON.

Miss Mabel Vaughan was recently appointed secretary and bookkeeper of the Rising Son publishing company. She is a well fitted for the position. She is the daughter of Rev. Vaughan of Quindaro, Kan. Miss Vaughan has finished these courses at Western University and brings to the office ability and accomplishment. She received her earlier education in the mixed schools of Kansas, and attended other schools besides. Miss Vaughan has assumed charge of a very responsible position, which will tax all of her literary and English ability, of which she has quite a knowledge. Miss Vaughan was bookkeeper of T. Washington's special stenographer at the Negro Business League, which met at Topeka, Kan. It was there the Son found its valuable asset. The office is open to the public, and anyone having typewriting or any form of letter writing or stenographic work in general can come around to the office and see her. The terms are reasonable, and the work is satisfactory. The young lady should be encouraged in work as a bookkeeper and stenographer.

THE GREAT BARNUM & BAILEY SHOW WILL BE HERE.

Barnum & Bailey's, the greatest show on earth, will be here Monday, Sept. 23, 1907. Everything will be entirely new. Don't miss this rare chance to see some of the greatest wonders on the face of the globe. It is worth your money any time to see all of the various animals and the different performers. This show is really instructive for people to attend.

BEAUTY CONTEST.

Notice—All who have names to enter in the beauty contest, please send them in. Those who desire to buy coupons can get them at the office of the Rising Son. Coupons can be bought from the paper. Everybody should take an interest in this contest. Some must win the prizes which have been offered.

KANSAS CITY REGRETS THE LEAVING OF MR. C. N. BLACK, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY CO.

Of all the public servants who have contributed any amount of good to the Metropolis of the West, Kansas City, Mo., Mr. C. N. Black, general manager of the Metropolitan Street Railway, has done a great deal of good from the very incipient beginning. As the general manager of the company his work has been marked by a high degree of ability, strenuousness, original ideas, and a great deal of human genius which is found only in nature's own rich inheritances. The Kansas City spirit certainly made itself felt in his mind. He has left an impression upon this city which cannot be shaken by his sudden departure to San Francisco, but we are very, very glad in Mr. C. Fritts they have chosen another capable general manager of that company. And we are glad that he is able to take hold of that complicated system as one who has been familiar with its works. Mr. Fritts, 12 years ago, was assistant electrician at the old building on 12th and Charlotte, and he is at present occupying the position of general manager in place of Mr. C. N. Black.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Sunday afternoon meetings of the Y. M. C. A. are growing more and more popular each Sunday. All men are welcome.

J. E. Moorland, International Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is in the city again for a short time. He will address the meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This meeting will be held in the large, well-ventilated auditorium of the new Lincoln High School, 19th and Tracy. This is expected to be one of the largest men's meetings ever held in the city.

The membership campaign is now in full swing.

One Bible class has been organized and are using the International Committee's Bible Outline No. 1, by Goodman. Meets Tuesday, 8 p. m.

Night school opens in October.

PRESIDENT WILBERFORCE WILLIAMS IN TOWN.

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams of Chicago and President of the Black Diamond Gas Company in company with Mr. J. W. Lingen, assistant to his private secretary, paid the Rising Son office a visit. They are en route to Chicago to look after some matters of the gas belts down in Chamute, Kas., and other parts of Southwestern Kansas. Dr. Williams reports the gas belt of this section to be in fine condition. Mr. Williams leaves at 4:15 over the Southwestern for Chamute.

PICTURES OF THE LADIES IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST.

Beginning with next week we will run one picture a week of each of the leading ladies. Beginning with the 15th of October all the coupons will be given over to Paul G. N. Gresham, chairman of the advertising committee, send in and buy more papers. Address, 914 E. 12th street. After 15th of October Paul Gresham will answer all questions concerning the beauty contest.

Beauty Contest Coupon

I vote for M

as the most beautiful lady of Kansas City.

Signed